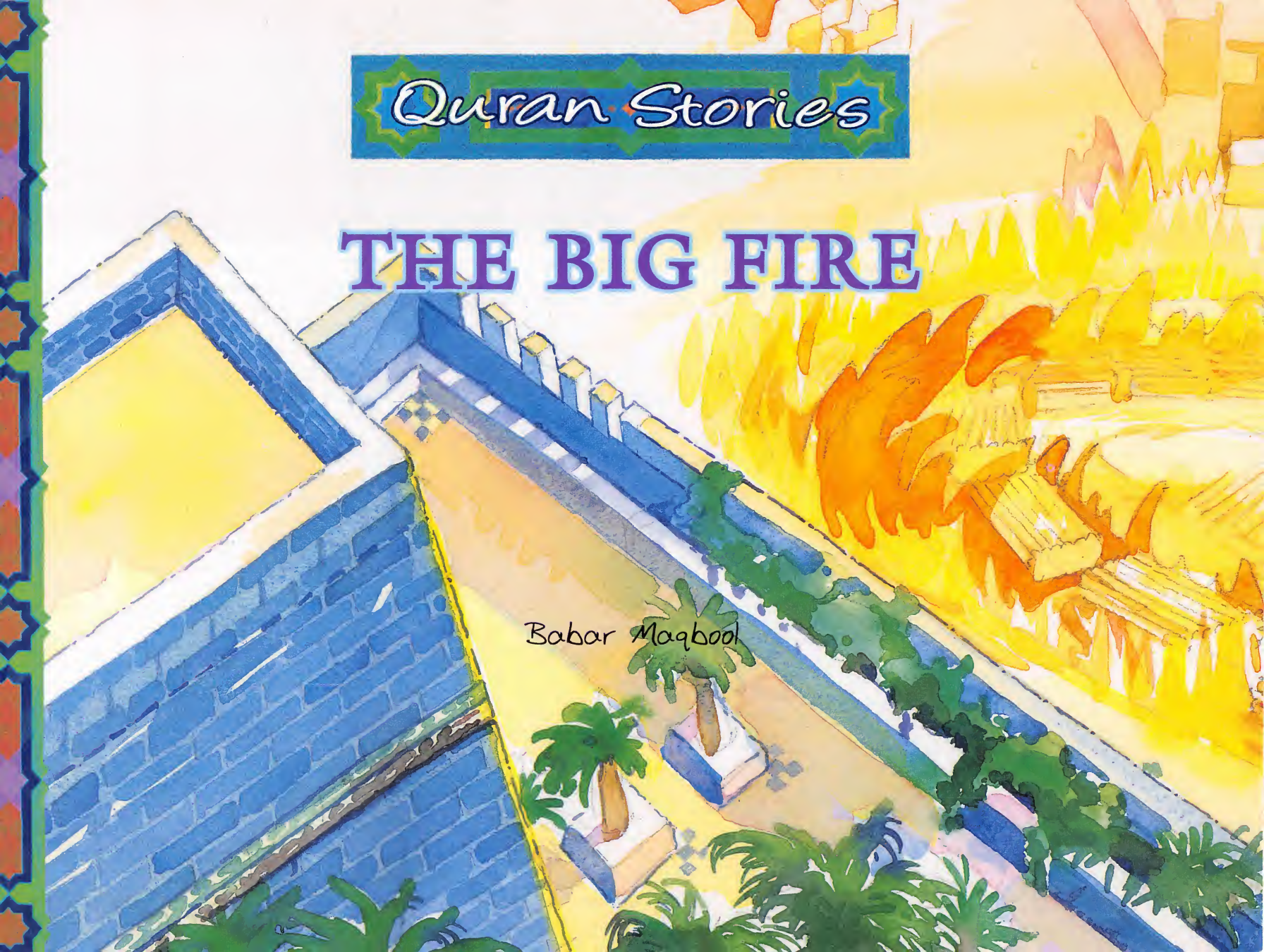


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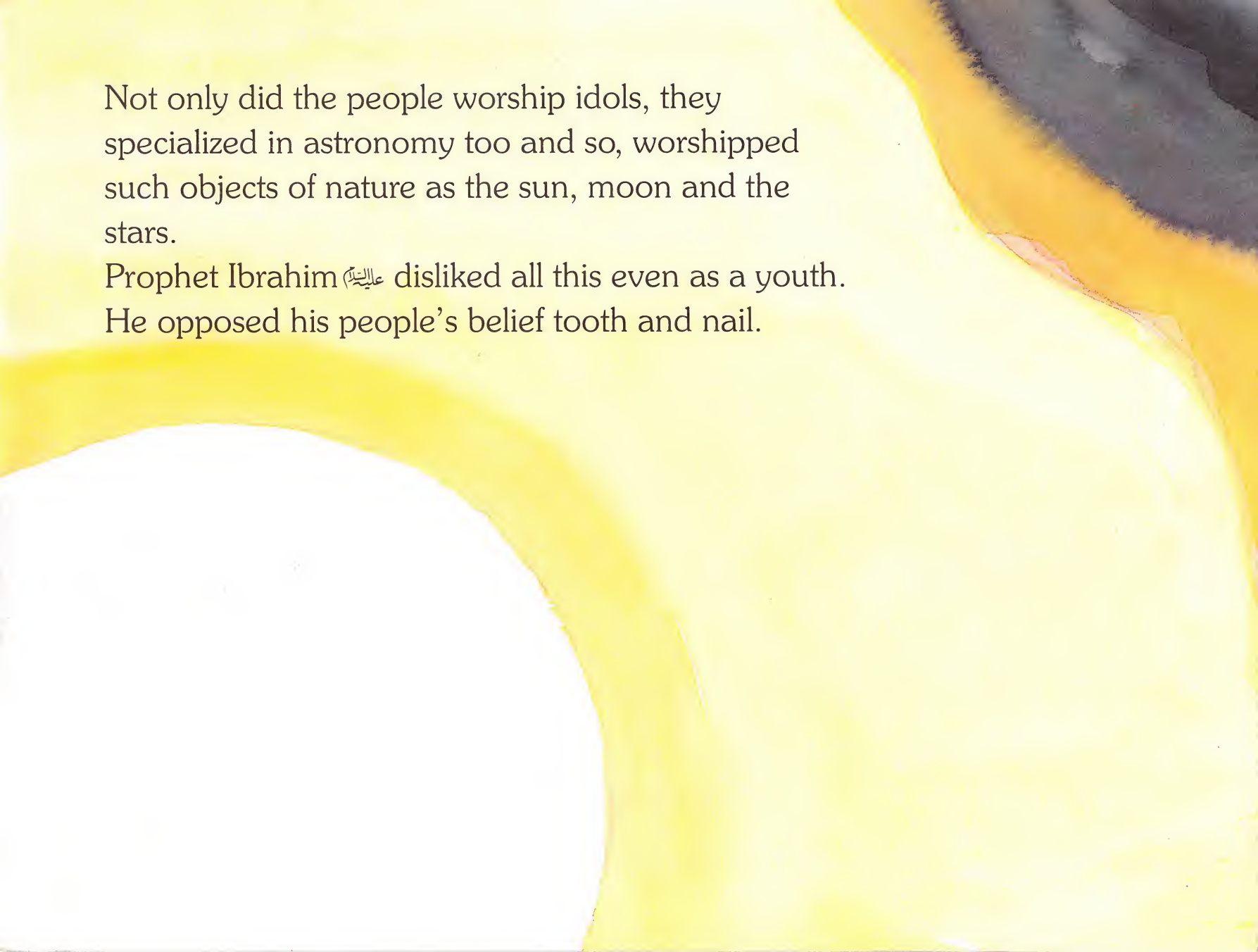


In a civilization, living in denial, Allah sent a sign of hope in the form of Ibrahim عليه السلام the prophet. Ibrahim عليه السلام was born to a man who was not only an idol worshipper but ranked among the chief priests at the court of the king at the time. He was born in a place called Ur.









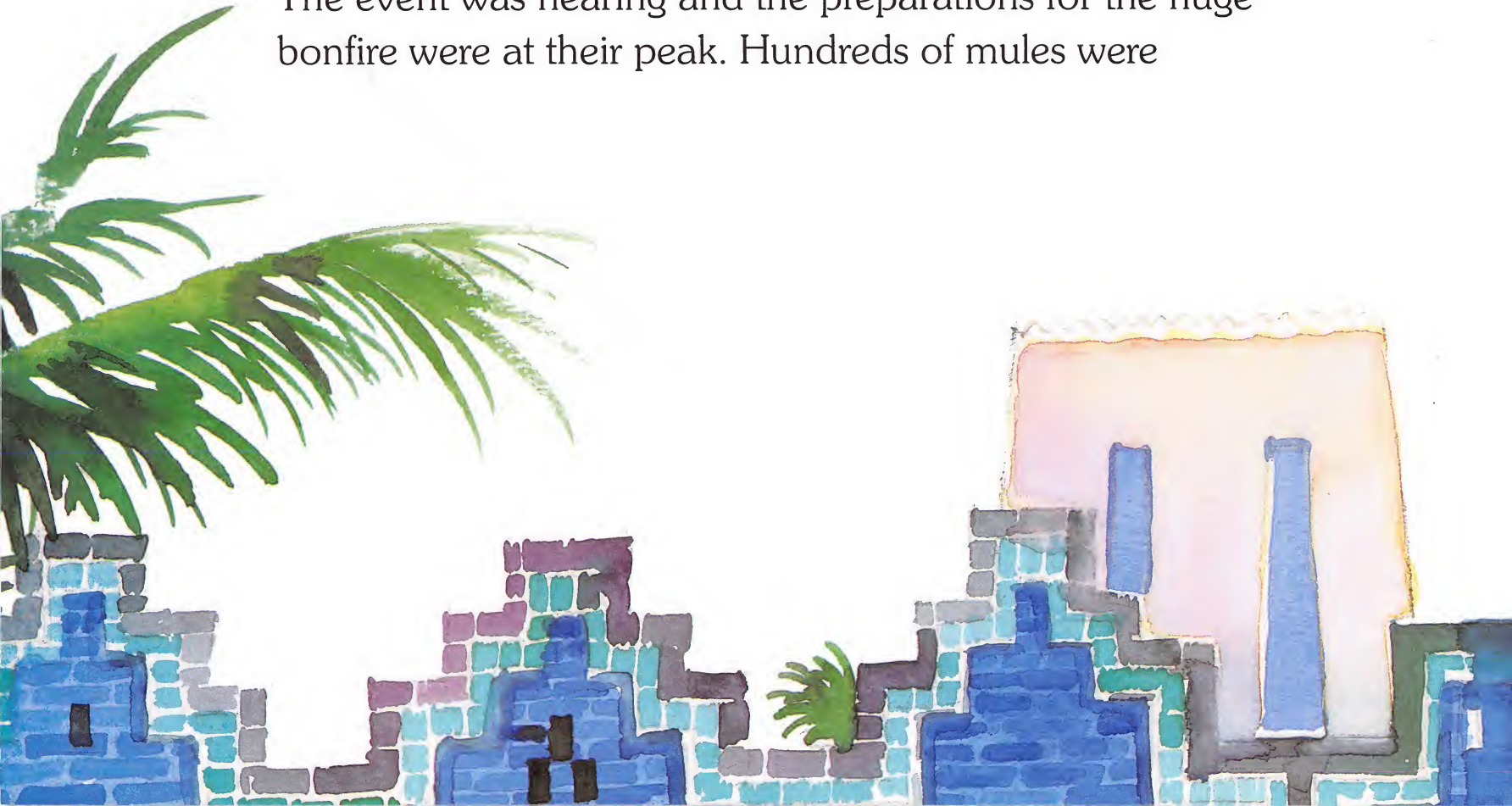
Not only did the people worship idols, they specialized in astronomy too and so, worshipped such objects of nature as the sun, moon and the stars.

Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام disliked all this even as a youth. He opposed his people's belief tooth and nail.





As his anti-idolatry campaigns became more and more unbearable for the people they started to hate and persecute him. At last the cruel mighty ruler, Namrud, ordered that Ibrahim عليه السلام be burnt alive. The event was nearing and the preparations for the huge bonfire were at their peak. Hundreds of mules were









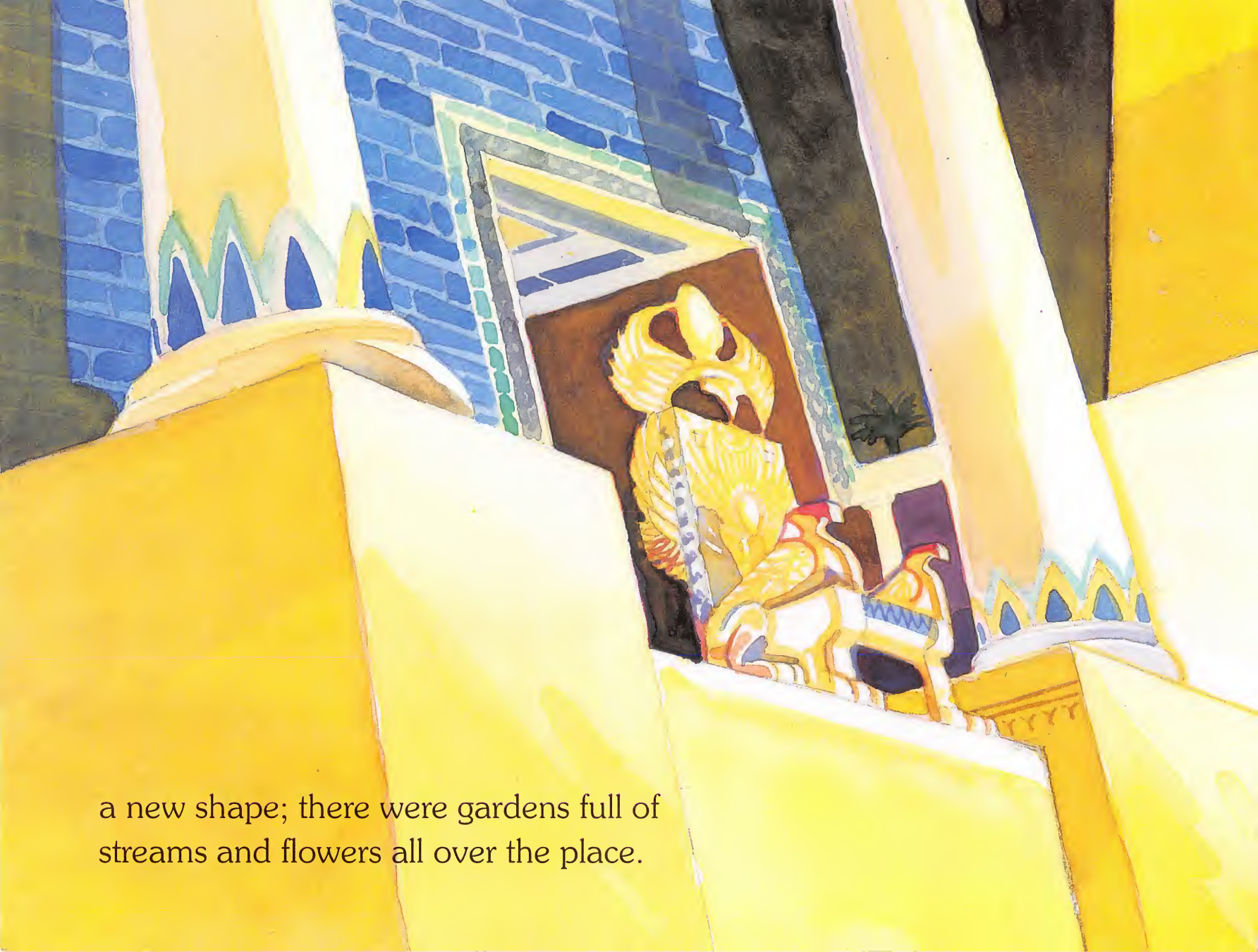
loading and unloading the wood for fuel at the site. When the time came the wood was ignited, the heat was unbearable and the people of the town were crying; “Burn him and help your gods.”

As soon as Ibrahim عليه السلام was catapulted into the fire, it took









a new shape; there were gardens full of  
streams and flowers all over the place.







The whole place exhaled cool breeze  
with gusts of perfume.

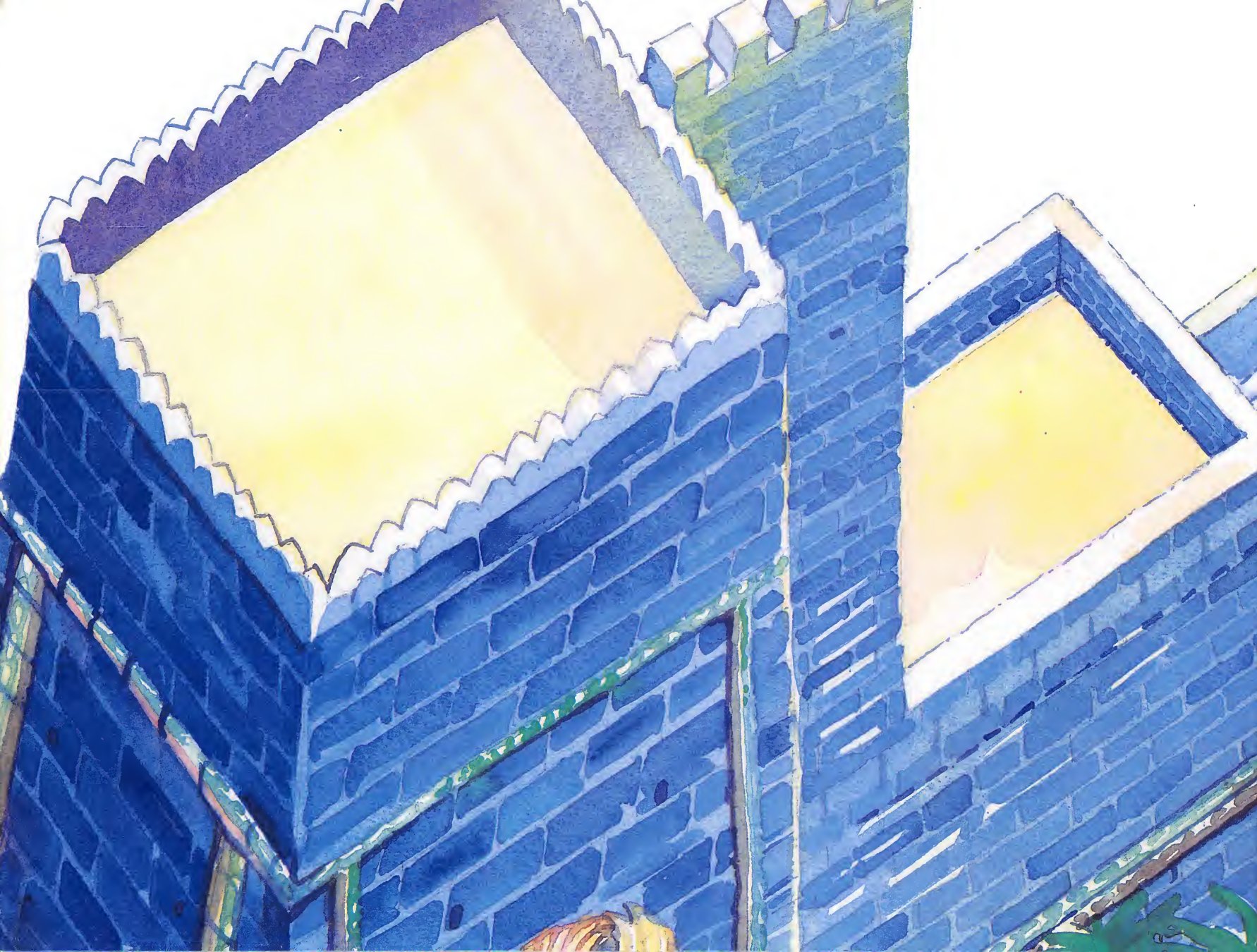
The king himself was astonished at  
the sight of the miracle, but even then  
nobody stopped worshipping idols.  
They remained disbelievers.













Allah commanded Ibrahim عليه السلام,  
after this incident, to leave Ur,  
his birthplace.  
Thus, he went along with his







wife Hajira and his nephew Lut عليه السلام , who was also a prophet. They travelled all the way to Syria and finally to Palestine, where they made a new home for themselves.

*Learn more about the central idea and message Allah has sent for us in the Quran.  
Surah Al Anbia: 21: 68-70*



